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State of Alaska  
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
C/o Andy Hughes, S.E. Regional Planning Chief  
6860 Glacier Highway  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-7999

RE: S.E. Region 2006-2009 STIP Draft Amendment Comments

Dear Mr. Hughes,

I have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and would like to share the following comments.

I would like to see the Hydaburg Highway included in the 2006-09 Amendment 17, for the cut off at the Klawock-Hollis Highway 0+00 traversing to Hydaburg. The roadway is very narrow with some very sharp curves. The horizontal and vertical alignment of this roadway needs attention to make this road safe for the public.

Hydaburg Cooperative Association sees the need for the State of Alaska Department of Transportation to develop a plan to upgrade the Hydaburg Highway. Our members travel this road to reach the Inter Island Ferry, the grocery store, gas station, and to seek medical attention. All of our heating oil, building materials, and mail come in on this road. The road provides emergency access for ambulances and the Alaska State Troopers, as well as being used by the school bus to transport our children. This former logging road has a narrow travel way with little to no shoulders and no recovery area. It has steep drop offs on reverse curves that have no guardrails. This makes it difficult and dangerous to execute avoidance maneuvers. There have been a substantial number of accidents on this rural roadway, which can be attributed to the geometrics of the roadway. This upgrade plan would identify safety problems with the current geometry and surfacing of the roadway. The plan would include an identification of specific locations along the road that require realignment or the addition of roadside elements that will minimize accidents along the most dangerous parts of the roadway.

This road is rapidly deteriorating and chip seal maintenance is not going to correct the safety issue.

I would like to see the Craig- Klawock-Hollis Highway put into the 2006-09 Amendment 17, for re-engineering and re-surfacing with hot asphalt. This roadway has very poor engineering and extremely unsafe. The roadway from Klawock-Hollis has approximately 50 perched or damaged culverts, which were installed improperly to begin with and the pipes are damaged from corrosion or smashed inlets or outlets.

I would like to see the Kasaan Access Road included within the 2006-09 Amendment 17, from FH42 traversing East-Southeast to Kasaan approximately 17.2 miles. This road is very primitive in nature with an earth-gravel surface. I would like to see this road upgraded to a 35-50 MPH design road standard.

I have no further comments. Please feel free to contact me in regard to my comments at (907) 285-3660

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl J. Holter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cherilyn J. Holter  
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